



Southern Lehigh School District

Board of School Directors Meeting

November 8, 2010

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:39 p.m. on the above date (November 8, 2010) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: Gunkle, Dimmig, Eddinger, McLoughlin, Miracle

ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

OTHERS: Liberati, Christman, Snell, Guerriere, Bartholomew, Kennedy, Takacs, Lewis, Jordan, Bergey, Covelle, Donahue, Farris, Limpar, Harakal, and approximately 6 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Mrs. Gunkle led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010 meeting as copied and distributed to all Board members.

Minutes of
10/25/2010

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

VISITORS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY Eddinger and **2ND BY** Miracle to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows -

Approve the bills list dated November 8, 2010 showing paid bills in the amount of \$541,965.94 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$364,932.34 for a total amount of \$906,898.28 for the General Fund, and bills to be paid in the amount of \$1,804.30 for the Construction Fund;

Approval of
Bills

Approve Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of October, 2010;

Approve
Treasurer's
Report and
Investment
Report

Approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year -

Alyson Bankos, Elementary

Lori Barnett, Elementary

Jennifer Hanssen, Elementary

Joanna Lundy, Elementary and Hearing Impaired K-12

JeriAnne Weiss, Elementary;

Approve
Substitute
Teachers for
the 2010-2011
school year-
Bankos,
Barnett,
Hanssen,
Lundy, Weiss

Accept the retirement of the following teacher -

Frances Werkheiser, Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher, Southern Lehigh Intermediate School, effective January 3, 2011. Mrs. Werkheiser has been an employee of the District for 22 years;

Accept
retirement-
Werkheiser

Approve the following substitute support staff for the 2010-2011 school year -

Alyson Bankos, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31

Joanna Lundy, Substitute Instructional Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.31;

Approve
substitute
support staff
for the 2010-
2011 school
year-Bankos,
Lundy

Approve
unpaid leave-
Dunbar

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff -

Jane Dunbar, Instructional Assistant (3 hour) Hopewell Elementary School, on February 28, 2011 and March 1, 2011 through March 4, 2011;

Approve
resignation-
Alhadeff

Approve the resignation of the following staff -

Janice Alhadeff, Instructional Assistant (6 hour), Southern Lehigh Intermediate School, effective November 5, 2010 at the end of the business day;

Approve
change of
unpaid leave-
Davis

Approve the change of unpaid leave of the following staff -

Michelle Davis, Instructional Assistant, from November 17, 2010 to November 12, 2010 as previously approved at October 11, 2010 Board meeting;

Approve
fitness center
monitor for the
2010-2011
school year-
Rabenold

Approve the following fitness center monitor at an hourly rate of \$14.03 for the 2010-2011 school year -

Tianna Rabenold;

Approve swim
bus monitors
for the 2010-
2011 school
year-Hoke,
Langsdorf,
Michael

Approve the following swim bus monitors at an hourly rate of \$10.80 for the 2010-2011 school year -

Leslie Hoke

Wayne Langsdorf

Lori Michael;

Approve
student
monitors for
the 2010-2011
school year-
Sommons,
Stampf, Welsh

Approve the following student monitors at an hourly rate of \$9.45 for the 2010-2011 school year -

Shawn Sommons

Jenna Stampf

James Welsh;

Approve
coaches for
the 2010-2011
school year-
Drabenstott,
Dreves,
Greenawald,
Grube, Kukitz,
Miller, Neefe,
Roncolato

Approve the following coaches for the 2010-2011 school year -

Andraea Drabenstott Boys' Tennis \$4,655

Richard Dreves Asst. Girls' Soccer \$4,078

Matthew Greenawald Asst. Baseball \$4,078

Rosemary Grube Asst. Softball \$4,078

John Kukitz Asst. Girls' Soccer \$4,078

Todd Miller Head Baseball \$6,796

Brian Neefe Head Softball \$6,796

Douglas Roncolato Head Girls' Soccer \$6,796;

Approve
volunteer
coaches for
the 2010-2011
school year-
Barndt,
Carmona,
Kalogris,
Nevill,
Newman

Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2010-2011 school year -

Ronald Barndt Baseball

Pamela Carmona Cross Country, Middle School

Christine Kalogris Swimming

Terrence Nevill Girls' Soccer

Joseph Newman Girls' Soccer.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

Mr. Covelle, Dr. Donahue, Mrs. Farris and Ms. Limpar reported on student and staff activities at the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, and the elementary schools.

High School report –

- End of Quarter 1 – grades mailed Friday
- Keystone Literature Field Test Tuesday and Wednesday
- Nov. 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fall play “Almost, Maine” on November 12, 13, 14

Middle School report –

- Friday, October 22: Fall Ball
- Thursday, October 28: Visit of Principal Yang
- Thursday, October 28: Anti-ID Theft for Parents
- Friday, October 29: Cyber-bullying Assembly
- Thursday, November 4: Keystone Exam for Algebra I
- Friday, November 5: LCTI Assembly (tours 12/12 & 13)
- Monday, November 5: Tailgate Party
- Tuesday, November 9: Instrumental Concert (7PM) (Vocal 12/16)
- Thursday, November 11: Veterans’ Day Observance
- Thursday, November 11: Book Fair (11/11-11/12)
- Friday, November 12: Report Card Distribution
- Tuesday, November 16: Parent-Teacher Conferences (11/16-11/19)

Intermediate School report –

- SLIS hosted our sister principal, Yang Xinghua, on Tuesday October 26, 2010.
- SLIS staff and faculty helped students grow their excitement for Halloween with festive activities and end day parties on October 29, 2010.
- Parent Visitation was held on November 4, 2010.
- Picture retakes were also accomplished on November 4.
- Family Fun Night was held on Friday, November 5. Several staff members worked the event and showed themselves as good sports by taking whipped cream pies in the face all to raise money for our PTG.
- The SLIS PTG monthly meeting is tomorrow, November 9th at 2:30.
- Report Cards will be issued to student on November 15th.
- Parent Conference week is planned for November 15-19.
- SLIS Barnes and Noble Night is scheduled for November 30th.
- A spirit apparel sale is wrapping up, and yearbook sales are underway.

Elementary schools –

- All buildings had a great turnout for Parent Visitation Day on 11/4.
- 11/11: All schools will be celebrating Veterans’ Day w/ assemblies and school wide activities.
- 11/11 is also HW’s 2nd grade parent program (patriotic theme).
- November 11 is LM’s PTA Barnes and Noble night.
- Teachers are preparing for Parent Conference week and 1st marking period report cards. (11/15).
- Scholastic book fair also is scheduled for 11/16-11/18.
- All three schools had school wide assemblies and author visits during the last two weeks.

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve Independent Study for student #122980 to compile a portfolio (architecture/civil engineering) for college application.

Approve
Independent
Study for
student
#122980

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Special Education Services Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year.

Approve
Carbon
Lehigh
Intermediate
Unit Special
Education
Services
Agreement
for the 2010-
2011 school
year

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Approve
Investment of
Funds for the
General Fund
Budget

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the Investment of Funds for the General Fund Budget.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

Approve
Engagement
Letter from
Ray Geiger for
an appraisal of
the Saucon
Creek Assisted
Living
property

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Eddinger to approve the enclosed Engagement Letter from Ray Geiger for an appraisal of the Saucon Creek Assisted Living property, Parcel ID 6425-2399-4442-1.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

SUPPORT SERVICES

Approve
change order
HC-1 to JBM
Mechanical,
Inc.

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve change order HC-1 to JBM Mechanical, Inc., 3273 Gun Club Road, Nazareth, PA 18064. The change order represents a “deduct” in the amount of \$2,875.82 for the unused allowance adjustment balance associated with the Intermediate School’s HVAC contract.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

Approve
parent carrier
contract with
Mrs. Ellen Pike
for the 2010-
2011 school
year

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve parent carrier contract with Mrs. Ellen Pike for the 2010-2011 school year.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** McLoughlin to approve the following teacher -

Thomas Wilde, Long-term (Category E) Substitute English Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, Bachelors +15, Step 2, at a salary of \$58,613 (pro-rated), effective November 9, 2010. Mr. Wilde will fill the position on an emergency basis during the childrearing leave of Jessica Gordon.

The Board met in executive session at 7:59 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:14 PM.

Motion Tabled
on approving
long-term
substitute
teacher-Wilde

After Board discussion, Mr. Miracle amended his motion to table action on approving the teacher, and to have further discussion at a future Board meeting. Dr. McLoughlin seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Miracle, McLoughlin, Gunkle
“NO” – Eddinger, Dimmig – Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

REPORTS

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Miracle reported that the Joint Operating Committee had met on October 27 where they had a lengthy discussion on the 2011-12 budget. Their next meeting is November 23.

Mr. Eddinger also reported that the LCTI 2011-12 budget may be adopted at slightly above the State Index of 1.4%, and \$1,000,000 has already been cut from the budget.

Budget & Finance Committee

Mr. Dimmig reported on the November 3, 2010 committee meeting –

Mr. Snell updated the Committee on the most recent changes to the five year budget since the last update in August. These included updates on healthcare cost assumptions, PSERS, revenue collections, and assumptions regarding future salary increases for teachers, administration, and support staff. The changes to revenue collections resulted in slightly less fund balance expenditure than initially forecast.

Mr. Liberati presented a comprehensive list of potential budget cuts and revenue enhancements for consideration in the 2011-2012 budget. The Committee reviewed the list and provided guidance to the administration on which items were appropriate for continued consideration and refinement.

The Committee agreed to provide a budget update to the School Board at the November 22, 2010 meeting. The Committee further recommends the board consider an Act 1 Resolution vote at the December School Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dimmig suggested additional Board discussion at the next Board meeting regarding the timeline for replacing business office administrators who will be retiring within the next 8 to 16 months.

VISITORS**ADJOURNMENT**

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Miracle and **2ND BY** Dimmig to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” - Unanimous - Motion Carried
ABSENT: Hayes, Mohr, Quigley, Stelts

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ Board Secretary